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Response to Advisory Action dated September 2, 2003

REMARKS

Claims 7-14, 17-19, and 23-25 are now pending in this application. In the Advisory Action, it was noted that the amendments made in applicants' response to the Final Rejection dated May 16, 2003 filed on August 7, 2003 were not entered because they did not place the claims in better form for consideration on appeal. Similar to the Final Rejection, the Advisory Action contended that the amended claims in applicants' response filed on August 7, 2003 still contained non-elected subject matter, namely, wherein R_{6a} is aryl optionally substituted with one or more Z_1 , Z_2 or Z_3 . While applicants do not agree with this contention, in an order to expedite prosecution of the application, applicants have canceled claim 16 and amended claims 7, 9, 10, 12 and 13 to claim the invention identified in the Final Rejection dated May 16, 2003. Also, as noted in applicants' response filed on August 7, 2003, new claims 23-25 are being added in view of the rejoinder procedures described in the *Official Gazette* notice dated March 26, 1996 (1184 O.G. 86). See MPEP §821.04.

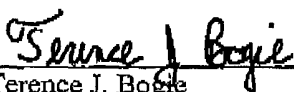
In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§1.16 and 1.17 that may be required in filing this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-3880.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference with the undersigned would facilitate prosecution of this patent application, the Examiner's call would be welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,

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